

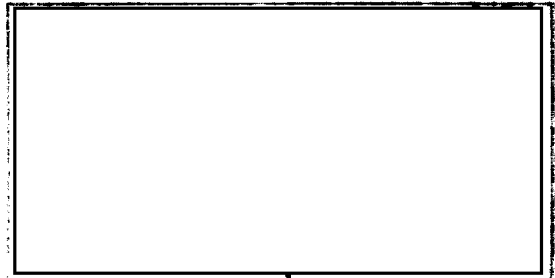
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Honorable William E. Minshall  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Vivian J. De Lisi

Dear Mr. Minshall:



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I am returning the letter to you from Mr. Austin F. Ward dated 27 September 1957. I have construed your note of 1 October 1957 as a request for information on the basis of which you could make a reply to Mr. Ward. Our comments are directed solely to the second paragraph of Mr. Ward's letter since the other matters are not properly a concern of this Agency.

The appropriation requests of this Agency follow the normal procedure of being reviewed by the Bureau of the Budget prior to inclusion in the over-all national budget. Upon submission of the entire budget to the Congress, appropriate Subcommittees of the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate hold hearings on our budget requests. It is true that for security reasons these hearings are held in executive session and the details are not made public.

Extensive congressional hearings have been held concerning the erection of the new CIA building at Langley. A total of \$46,000,000 has been appropriated to construct this building which will be located on a site comprising 125 acres. The information furnished Mr. Ward that this building would house [redacted] employees on a [redacted] is grossly inaccurate, as indicated by the above information.

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As to the matter of information which is secured by the Agency being available to other Departments, this is one of the primary statutory responsibilities of the Agency. Under the provisions of the National Security Act it is our responsibility to correlate and evaluate

intelligence relating to the national security which is obtained from all sources including other Departments. After appropriate evaluation of intelligence information, in coordination with representatives of all the intelligence agencies, the results are incorporated into many types of reports including our National Estimates which are available to the proper officials in the respective Departments. Under the provisions of the National Security Act the Agency is responsible to the National Security Council.

It may be inferred from Mr. Ward's letter that he understands that the Agency performs many functions which we are actually prohibited by law from doing. For example, it is specifically provided that the Agency shall have no police, subpoena, law enforcement powers or internal security functions.


I trust that the above furnishes you with sufficient information upon which to base a reply to Mr. Ward. If the Agency can be of further assistance I shall be very glad to discuss the question with you.

Very truly yours,

SIGNED

John S. Warner  
Legislative Counsel

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